2016 TEXAS NATIVE AMERICAN LAW CONFERENCE

Friday, January 29, 2016
Texas Law Center, Austin, Texas

For more information, please visit www.texasnativeamericanlawsection.com or
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Membership in the Native American Law Section is not limited to Native Americans, but is open to all who share the goals and wish to further the purposes of the Section.

Texas is home to three federally recognized tribes – the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, officially known as the Alibamo-Koasati Indian Nation, located near Livingston, Texas; the Tigua, officially known as the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, located in El Paso, Texas; and, the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, located in Eagle Pass, Texas. As of the last United States census, Texas is home to the fourth largest population of Native Americans in the Nation – 315,264 people living in Texas identified themselves as Native American or Alaska Native. And, more than a dozen groups in Texas are presently seeking federal recognition as Indian tribes.

We are a small Section. But we have high aspirations. We seek to support Native Americans and Native American communities; to support Native American lawyers no matter what their field of practice; to support attorneys who practice in the field of Native American Law; to serve the Native American population in Texas; and, to help educate and inform the judiciary, attorneys and other leaders in Texas about Native American issues and law. We may be small in number compared to other sections of the State Bar, but we are very large in heart.

Our Section conducts an annual Native American Law Conference at the Texas Law Center building in Austin, Texas, and conducts other continuing legal education programs at the State Bar annual meeting. We are also active in supporting the diversity initiatives and activities of the State Bar of Texas.

Even if you are not a tribal attorney, you may suddenly find yourself practicing Native American law. If you are handling an adoption case, for example, you may find that the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act apply regardless of the county in which you practice. Your contractor client may have to comply with an Indian hiring preference if the project is on tribal land or is a federal project; and state and federal agencies may be required to consult with Tribes under a variety of laws.
Members of our Section have testified before legislative panels as background witnesses and last year others participated in a webinar on the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Baby Veronica case.

Most of the Section’s focus for the last twenty years has been on legal education, and our annual legal conference at the State Bar building is the highlight of the year. The Section’s annual conference includes special cultural highlights consisting of the giving of the Section’s awards and an honoring ceremony for those award winners, which includes traditional Native American drumming, singing and dancing. In past years, our conference has included the presence of eagles and other spiritual birds, the birthing of a drum, and the exhibition of peyote.

We want you to join us. We want to identify unmet legal needs of Native Americans in Texas and provide access to, or even create, those resources. We want to marshal support for the reform of those laws which fail to match the high ideals of Texas lawyers respecting the human dignity of every person.

And since we are small, your participation is critical in helping the Section realize its aspirations. Through this Section, you may have a greater impact on the residents and communities of Texas than you imagine possible. Since the days of Cabeza de Vaca, as many as one hundred tribes occupied what has become Texas. The law failed these people, leaving us a sad legacy that continues today. This Section’s mission is to identify and address these needs, as well as educate the public about them.

Section benefits include a discount to our Annual CLE conferences. Additionally, you will have access to other educational programs and networking events throughout the year.

Membership is only $20 for active Texas lawyers. Texas lawyers practicing less than two years are free. Associate membership is available for non-lawyers interested in Native American law and affairs for $10 (contact the Section directly if you wish to join as an Associate Member).

Our website is currently located at: http://www.texasnativeamericanlawsection.com/

You may contact us through Jay Hurst, jay.hurst@texasattorneygeneral.gov; Ron Jackson, rjackson@ysdp-nsn.gov; Sandy McCorquodale, sandy@theamlawyers.com; or any of our Officers or Council Members. You may also contact us through the State Bar.
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<td>Federal Legal Update and Related Trends in the Real World (.75 hr)</td>
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<td>Should we have a Texas Native American Policy Center?</td>
<td>Texas has an uneven history of Native American state government organizations and currently state activity is based in the Texas Historical Association. The trend to develop policy centers, and let a thousand flowers bloom, may be something to consider for Texas, in some organizational form. Looking at other policy centers and the NCAI policy center, may provide a springboard for further discussion. (.75 hr) (.25 ethics)</td>
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| 11:00  | **Eagle Feathers and Native American Religious Rights Under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)**  
(.5 hr)  
Jay Hurst  
Attorney and Council Member, Native American Law Section  
Texas Attorney General’s Office  
Bill Voelker (SIA)  
Co-Director, SIA, The Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative |
| 11:30  | **Cultural Program**  
Sia – Bill, Troy and their Spiritual Birds  
Eagle Point Singers – traditional singing, drumming and dancing  
Chickasaw Nation Stomp Dance Troupe and Flutist Jesse Lindsey |
| 12:30  | **Lunch Break (Lunch Provided)**                                      |
| 1:15   | **The Indian Lawyer – Ethics, Diversity and Tribal Justice – Current Trends**  
(.75 hr; .75 hr ethics)  
Gaines West  
Past Chair and Council Member, Native American Law Section  
West, Webb, Allbritton, & Gentry, PC |
| 2:00   | **Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), New Guidelines**  
(1.25 hr)  
Paul Shunatona  
Vice-Chair, Native American Law Section |
| 3:15   | **Break**                                                            |
| 3:30   | **A Panel Discussion of Issues Regarding Native American Nicknames.**  
An examination of the Indian Mascot issue from both legal and policy perspectives. The presentation will cover trademark law issues as well as current legislative and policy initiatives.  
**The Law and Policy of Indian Mascots**  
(.75)  
**Fighting Sioux Forever; The Honor of Native American Nicknames**  
(.75)  
Gavin Clarkson  
William J. Brotherton  
Brotherton Law Firm |
| 5:00   | **Concluding Remarks**                                               |

Total CLE = 6.25 hours including 1 hour ethics
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$ 80.00 – Non-lawyers / General Public $ 70.00 – NALS Associate Member

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You may register directly with the State Bar at this link:
http://www.sbotsections.com/nativeamerican/cart.html

Feel free to contact Sandy McCorquodale with any questions at:
sandy@theamlawyers.com
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As a small Section, the quality of the programs we can present depends on Sponsors like you to provide funding that is not otherwise available to our Section.

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William Voelker, Sia Co-Director, and Wakiya
The White Medicine Bird

Nuepi
Male Golden Eagle

Troy, Sia Co-Director and Nuepi
Our Section needs additional funding to offer speakers from outside of the state to educate our members regarding tribal issues that influence national and state-wide policy, and we also want our members to be able to interact with the community at large. Your sponsorship will serve to promote interaction among individuals, businesses and other organizations which support the same issues and interests that our Section seeks to promote.

For as little as $25, you can make a difference.

Will you please help by joining as a Sponsor of the Section? Sponsors will receive special recognition at Section events, including at our Texas Native American Law Conference, in addition to supporting a worthwhile cause.

A Sponsorship acknowledgement form is attached.

For more information, you may contact Sandy McCorquodale at 214-712-4472 or sandy@theamlawyers.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Feel free to contact Jay Hurst with any questions at (512) 475-4861 or by email at jay.hurst@texasattorneygeneral.gov.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Event Location
Texas Law Center – 1414 Colorado – Austin, 78701

Parking
Due to space constraints, the Texas Law Center's parking garage is badge-only access. There is no visitor parking available. The closest parking garage is the Moody Bank at 300 W. 15th Street. Entrance to the parking garage is on Guadalupe Street. The rate is $2.50 for every half hour with a $12 maximum. The Capitol Visitors parking garage is also nearby - located at 1201 San Jacinto Avenue. The first two hours are free with every half-hour thereafter at the rate of $.75 with a $6 per day maximum. In addition, metered spaces are available on the East side of the Texas Law Center.

If you require closer parking due to a disability, you will be able to park in the Law Center Garage. Upon entering the garage, please press the call button to security and let him/her know that you are attending the Native American Law Conference and require accessible parking.

Accessibility Information
If you need any special arrangements made, please contact the Sections Department (sections@texasbar.com) or call 512-427-1420 prior to January 10, 2015 to ensure your needs will be accommodated.

Refund Information
If you register and are unable to attend, full refunds will be provided for requests received on or before January 20, 2016. After that date, you will be mailed a copy of the course materials.

To request a refund, please contact Sandra Carlson at the State Bar of Texas Section Department by phone 512.427.1408 or by email at sandra.carlson@texasbar.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!